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## Mr. Speaker:

The Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.J.R. 10**, JOINT RESOLUTION OPPOSING DESIGNATION OF PUBLIC LANDS CURRENTLY URGED BY CONGRESS AND THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, by Representative A. Tilton, with the following amendments:

- 1. Page 1, Lines 10 through 13:
  - 10 General Description:
  - This joint resolution of the Legislature urges Congress and the United States
    Bureau of
  - 12 Land Management not to { designate new } limit public access to public lands in Utah { wilderness areas } either through { consistent with the
  - 13 provisions of } wilderness designation in H.R. 1919, the so-called "Hinchey Bill , " or through Bureau of Land Management regulatory processes .
- 2. *Page 2, Lines 41 through 42:* 
  - 41 federal lands through a wilderness designation;

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the <u>Uintah Basin contains 80 billion barrels of known recoverable</u> shale oil reserves;

<u>WHEREAS</u>, the <u>Uintah Basin contains 12 billion barrels of known recoverable</u> oil from oil sands;

WHEREAS, oil from domestic oil shale and oil sands production will significantly reduce the United States energy security vulnerability;
WHEREAS, the proposed wilderness area would preclude development of oil shale and oil sands production in areas of the Uintah Basin;

- WHEREAS, the entire Utah Congressional delegation opposes H.R. 1919;
- *3. Page 2, Lines 57 through 58:* 
  - 57 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges the BLM { to reject calls







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58 restrict and to limit the public's access to public lands under its jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature urges BLM to approve resource management plans without "wilderness characteristics" designations before the end of 2008.

Respectfully,

Roger E. Barrus Committee Chair

Voting: 11-0-4

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